

JAMES MCGREEVEY.

JANUARY 26, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TYLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8287.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8287) to remove the charge of desertion standing against James McGreevey, have carefully considered the same, and recommend its passage.

It appears from the evidence in this case that the soldier enlisted in the First District of Columbia Infantry Volunteers, and served from October 21, 1861, to October 25, 1864; that on March 11, 1865, he reenlisted to serve one year as a musician in Company A, Second United States Veteran Volunteers, stationed at that time at Camp Stoneman, District of Columbia; that on June 13, while in Washington on a temporary leave of absence from his command, he went to New York with some comrades, with whom he had drank too freely. Three days afterwards he started back to his regiment, but learning that it was being disbanded he did not again return to his command.

As this absence of the soldier from his regiment occurred under extenuating circumstances, and was after the close of actual hostilities, and as he had served faithfully in another regiment for more than three years, the committee recommend that the bill for his relief be passed.



